

**Idaho State Historical Society
Historical Library, State Archives and Idaho Oral History Center
Quarterly Report – July-September 2004
Submitted by Linda Morton-Keithley**

Overview:

Ongoing activities: Organize monthly family history workshops; submit articles to and edit *Mountain Light*; process collections; index county-level records for reconstructed 1890 census; index 1870 and 1880 non-population schedules for Idaho; organize map collection; supervise volunteers and interns; participate in various Lewis and Clark and Oregon-California Trails Association activities; arrange and index records from Elmore, Twin Falls, Oneida and Nez Perce counties and Territorial Archives; work with national, state, and local officials on various records management issues; update IOHC names and places index; coordinate NHPRC/SHRAB grant activities; work with ITD on text for historical highway markers [**Larry would like to acknowledge the assistance of Trustee Paul Link in developing the Spirit Lake geological marker**].

Additions to Library's Turbo Tower: updated - Civil War and 1890 Boise County indexes; new – 1890 Custer County and Old Age Pension indexes. Submitted to ISHS website: updated - Civil War index; new – Naturalization index.

Five grant applications have been prepared and submitted for consideration: Idaho Heritage Trust, NHPRC, NEH Stabilization of Humanities Collections, NEH Preserve and Create Access to Humanities Collections, and NEH Preservation Assistance. One activity remains for the "Save America's Treasures" Carey Act grant – development of a web exhibit. We expect to have the exhibit ready to submit to Chris Brady for posting on the ISHS website in early November. The final report is due Dec. 31, 2004.

Personnel:

We're pleased to report that former staff member Dylan McDonald was successful in his search for a professional position; he's now working as an archivist for the Sacramento Archives and Museum Collection Center. Student interns for the fall semester are Jill Fletcher (rotating), Mark Elgan (oral history) and Ellen Haffner (oral history). New volunteers include: Kelly Morgan, Lyn McCollum, Chris Sherman, Kay Allen, and Teresa Dewey. Volunteer/intern hours donated: 879 hrs.

Gifts and Acquisitions:

- 76 book titles
- 4 yearbooks
- 1,578 cu. ft. of government records (approximately 31 tons)
- 3 manuscript collections (approximately 1.25 cu. ft.) and additions to 3 existing collections (2.5 cu. ft.)
- 3 photograph collections
- 66 microfilm rolls: county records-5, census-5, newspaper-48, National Archives-8 (filmed at our request: allotment registers for the Nez Perce, Coeur d'Alene and Spokane Indians, and records from Fort Hall, Fort Lyons, and Camp Three Forks)

- 1 video
- 6 oral history interviews (approx. 12 hrs)
- 175 periodicals

Other:

New records added to the collections management database: 98 book titles, 10 manuscript collections, 6 photograph collections, 126 maps, 32 microfilm titles, 3 compact disks, 64 oral history interviews, 20 moving image (film and video) titles, and 408 boxes/volumes of State Archives material. A total of 47 orders for 111 photographic images were processed for a billing of \$1,654.00 (net \$707.83). Billings for 24 requests for permission to use photographic images netted \$395.00. 23 oral history publications were sold and sale of duplicate microfilm netted \$1,077.50

Programs Presented/Attended:

North Idaho

July 30 – quarterly SHRAB meeting, Lapwai – Steve W., Linda

July 27-31 – records pickup, Cascade, Grangeville, Coeur d’Alene – Steve W.

September 13-17 – records pickup, Bonners Ferry, Sandpoint, Coeur d’Alene, Nez Perce, Lewiston, Grangeville, Weiser – Steve W.

Southwest Idaho (Boise unless otherwise noted)

July 20 – “Federal Census Records” for workshop series – Steve B. (32)

July 20 – records pickup, Caldwell – Steve W.

July 26 – records pickup, Garden City – Steve W.

July 27 - “Federal Census Records” for workshop series – Phyllis (18)

July 28 – Jason Mendenhall on USGenWeb project for workshop series (24)

July 30 – “History of Mexican Americans in Idaho” for teacher’s institute, Nampa
- Kathy (30)

August 19 – records pickup, Garden City – Steve W.

August 24 – “Vital, Church, Mortuary and Cemetery Records” for workshop series
- Steve B. (21)

August 25 – book discussion of “Suicide or Murder: The Strange Death of Governor Meriwether Lewis” for workshop series – Steve B. (20)

August 25 – records pickup – Steve W.

August 26 – Local Government Records Committee – Steve W., Linda (5)

August 31 - “Vital, Church, Mortuary and Cemetery Records” for workshop series
- Phyllis (23)

September 9 – “Using the L&A for Historical Research” for BSU History class – Kathy (25)

September 9 – records pickup, Blaine County – Steve W.

September 21 – “Federal and Local Land Records” for workshop series – Steve B. (20)

September 23 – records pickup, Garden City – Steve W.

September 28 - “Federal and Local Land Records” for workshop series – Steve B. (23)

September 29 – Carter Wilson on “How to Find Military Records” for workshop series (47)

September 30 – records pickup, Boise and Eagle – Steve W.

Southeast Idaho

- July 21 – oral history presentation for ISU History students – Troy (15) [note: Troy actually gave the presentation in Boise with live satellite feed to Pocatello]
August 25 – “History of Mexican Americans in Idaho” for Partners for Prosperity, Blackfoot – Kathy (30)
September 23 - history presentation for ISU History students – Troy (21) [note: Troy actually gave the presentation in Boise with live satellite feed to Pocatello]
September 27–30 – records pickup, Mountain Home, Ketchum, Challis, Rexburg, Driggs, Rigby, Blackfoot, Pocatello, Paris, Malad City, Twin Falls, Jerome – Steve W.

Out of State

- July 13-18 – COSHRC/NAGARA annual conference, Phoenix – Steve W.
August 10-15 – OCTA annual meeting, Vancouver, WA – Larry
Sept. 29-Oct. 3 – OHA annual meeting, Portland – Troy, Kathy

Calendar of Events:

North Idaho

- October 14 - Archives Month presentation, Coeur d’Alene

Southwest Idaho

- October 4 – Archives Month presentation, Mountain Home
October 7 – National Electronic Commerce Coordinating Council annual meeting
October 8 – Idaho Council for History Education annual workshop
October 12 – Boise Valley ARMA Chapter workshop
October 19 - Archives Month presentation, Emmett
October 21 – presentation for Washington County Kiwanis, Weiser
October 22 – quarterly SHRAB meeting
October 23 – “Probate and Estate Records” and tour of Wells Archives building for workshop series
October 30 - “Probate and Estate Records” for workshop series
November 16 – “Immigration and Naturalization Records” for workshop series
November 17 - “Researching our Scandinavian-American Ancestry” for workshop series
November 23 - “Immigration and Naturalization Records” for workshop series
January 18 – “Repositories Nationwide and Worldwide Web” for workshop series
January 25 - “Repositories Nationwide and Worldwide Web” for workshop series
February 15 – “Organizing and Evaluating Your Research Findings” for workshop series
February 22 - “Organizing and Evaluating Your Research Findings” for workshop series
March 15 – “Writing Your Family’s History” for workshop series
March 22 - “Writing Your Family’s History” for workshop series

Southeast Idaho

- October 4 - Archives Month presentation, Twin Falls
October 5 - Archives Month presentation, Kimberly
October 27 - Archives Month presentation, Pocatello
October 28 - Archives Month presentation, Idaho Falls

Patrons/Visitors:

Staff reports that 1,581 patrons signed in at the front desk and 22 at the Archives (compared to 1,388 for the same quarterly in 2003). **[Rod would like to point out that staff at the Archives building received 706 requests for information requiring them to access 80 different AR collections, including records from 35 of 44 counties.]** 54 libraries requested materials via Inter-Library Loan services and 1,217 general reference and public record requests via letters/telephone calls/e-mails/faxes were answered (compared to 1,089 for the same quarter in 2003). Approximately 50 items held downstairs and 112 collections held at the Archives were brought to the reading room for patron use.

Attachment:

Deaccession request prepared by John Yandell; material will go to the Colorado State Archives